

First Lutheran Church
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Office hours

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, 9am – 3:30pm

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First Lutheran Focus

May 2021

Address Service Requested

Pipe Organ Field Trip – Rochester

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| 1. Bethel Lutheran Church | 810 3 rd Ave. SE |
| 2. Christ United Methodist Church | 400 5 th Ave. SW |
| 3. Trinity Lutheran Church | 222 6 th Ave. SW |

The council will meet in Rochester at Bethel Lutheran Church at 1:30pm.

All are welcome to visit the churches and listen to the organs.

PASTOR'S PAGE

Welcome to the season of Pentecost. This is the time in the church year where we listen and learn from the life and ministry of Jesus. It is also a time to grow in our faith. As I think about this my mind goes to Ecclesiastes where we hear the poetic reminder of the flow of life — a time to be born and a time to die, to plant and a time to pluck up what it planted. Oh, my, there is even a time to dance, laugh, cry — and everything else we all experience in life.

In the everyday 'real stuff' of life, God is there with us. Jesus is there to teach us. The Holy Spirit is there guiding, comforting, challenging, and reminding us whose we are. What a gift it is to know we are God's children, sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. From this promise we journey forward in faith with our eyes wide open to see God at work. We journey forward with our hands reaching out to where God is calling us to serve. We journey forward with our hearts and minds open to what God is teaching us these days! *-Pastor Becky*

Bits and Pieces

Are you willing to provide special music for worship this summer? Please sign up at the welcome table or call the church office to let us know what you will be doing and when you would like to take part.

Are you willing to help serve lunch following a funeral? We are at a point in the life of First Lutheran that those who have done this piece of ministry are no longer able to serve. We are creating a list of people who are willing to be called to help out for such a time as this AND you don't have to be a woman or retired...

Worship will continue to be in person and on Facebook Live each Sunday.

We are planning a return to coffee fellowship in June and need your help. Let us know if we can count on you ☺

Please remember that First Lutheran relies on your regular and faithful financial support. If you are not able to join us in person, please consider sending your offering or giving electronically through Give Plus+. Give Plus+ offers an app that you can use on your phone to set up a recurring automatic offering or a one-time 'oops I forgot my offering' gift.

PASTORAL ACTS - 2021

Funeral/Celebration of Life

Mary Ihnen: 5/8/21

Bob Wilder: 5/18/21

CherAmi Barr: 5/18/21

Betty Johnson: 5/19/21

Arlyn McHenry: 5/22/21

Baptisms

Bexton Braun: 5/9/21

Josie Reindl: 5/30/21

2021 GRADUATES



From Left to Right: Cade Hengesteg, Kael Julseth, Kayla Senne, Tyler Husske, Casson Moretz, Carter Severson, Cody Wahl and Austin Foss. Not Pictured: Alex Eilertson



The Graduates as they sit with Pastor Becky for a Children's Sermon



Camouflage - Alex Eilertson



IH Farmall - Casson Moretz



John Deere - Cody Wahl



Hawkeyes - Tyler Huskke



Softball - Kayla Senne



Cyclones - Austin Foss & Kael Julseth



Vikings - Carter Severson



Twins - Cade Hengesteg

YOUTH NEWS

With things getting much closer to normal, it's been a busy few weeks for our Youth! With the school year ending as well as most of our pandemic restrictions, we change things up a bit. Students who have just completed 6th grade are now allowed to attend Jr. High Youth on Sunday nights from 6:30 to 8:00. Students are allowed to hang out afterwards if they want. Those who just finished 8th Grade are allowed to join both Jr. and Sr. High Youth throughout the summer. Those who just graduated are welcome to continue joining us until the school year starts back up this fall. Senior High Youth is on Wednesday nights from 7:00 to 8:30. All other nights of the week students are able to hang out in the Youthroom until midnight.

We've got 2 lock-ins planned – Senior High on Memorial Day Monday and Junior High on Thursday, June 3rd. The teens have (impatiently) waited for these as they are always a night of fun and fellowship as well as a great chance to invite others to come and see what we do.

DayCamp planning has really ramped up in the past few weeks. We're excited to share with our younger members "On Earth as is in Heaven" from June 7 – 11. Each day from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM we'll have games, snacks, story time, arts and crafts, music and small group time.

We've also been working on getting things ready for Lifest Music Festival in Oshkosh, WI from July 7 – 11. When we went 2 years ago, there were just 2 chaperons and 12 students, this year we've got 6 chaperons and 36 students. I'll share more next month about our plans.

We recently painted the Youthroom for the new upcoming Senior class. Our formerly red room is now bright green. Most years we're lucky to get 5 or more to help paint, but this year they were ready, with 18 kids showing up to get most of it done in one night. It definitely feels like the new color goes along with the new mindset of getting used to how things used to be!

To say the kids have been through an odd year is an understatement. When we were allowed to start meeting last summer, it was 10 people, socially distanced, no games/touching/running around, masks on, no snacks, temps taken, outside. After 13 weeks, the guidelines allowed us to meet in the Fellowship Hall. In November when cases here spiked, we shut down for 7 weeks. After resuming at Christmas time we had almost 5 more months in the Fellowship Hall, and then in the past weeks, we've been able to return to the Youthroom, take the masks off, and return to normal.

**I'm thankful for all the kids who have been part of this odd year –
and the following students who made it to Youth at least 50% of the time!**

**Andrew Breitsprecher - Ellie Erhard - Bella Hoch
Thomas Block - Damon Reyerson - Tyler Husske
Dylon Freerksen - Emma Logeman - Richard Walker
Camryn Rheingans - Weston Willand - Hayzin Jacobson
Annalisa Coyle - Logan Manning**



Embrace opportunities!

Please contact the church office at 324-2984, or christa@flcnorthwood.org, to make an impact in the influence of your First Lutheran Church!

"The church is not just a building, the church is the people!"

One or more of these opportunities is calling your name!

Opportunity # 1:

AD HOC committee members are needed to design a catalog procedure and how to manage existing and future gifts given to the church, such as paintings/artwork. (In advance of giving, council will approve the gift.) Contact the church office to make an impact in this project.

Opportunity # 2:

Church members are greatly needed to begin the process (in 2021) of developing a new, updated Pictorial Directory. Christa (Office Manager) will be part of this group and your ideas are needed! Contact the church office to join this group.

Opportunity # 3:

Pipe Organ Trip to Rochester, Mn. - The congregation is welcome to learn about the workings and sound of a Wicks refurbished Pipe Organ in the afternoon of June 13th. Contact the church office to get the address and time of the churches to be visited. There will also be a video of this event posted to our church site.

Opportunity #4:

A committee will be formed to investigate the possibility of an alternative worship service (non-traditional style). YOU are invited to give input on the possible format of this type of service for our church. Please respond within the next two weeks by contacting the church office.

Opportunity #5:

It is of great importance that new members are added to the Stewardship Committee of our First Lutheran Church. Please embrace this opportunity. You are very much needed! Contact the church office to get on board.



Organ Project

Greetings FLC members! I thought it would be helpful to share some of my thoughts about the organ restoration from the perspective of someone who sits on the organ bench and has played this instrument on a regular basis. I notice issues with the organ almost every service, but try my very best to work around them.

The pipe organ at FLC holds a special place in my heart for two reasons, the first reason being that my grandmother, Opal Randall, played this organ as the organist for FLC for many years, and she was an amazing organist and role model. The second reason being that this is the organ that I learned to play on, with my grandmother. This particular instrument is a big part of what drew me to First Lutheran Church in particular when I moved to Northwood, and was looking for a church home for me and my new family. I can't believe that it's now been 23 years since we moved to Northwood, and while I never imagined that I would be the organist at FLC, this church has become an integral part of my life.

In all of the years that I've been attending FLC, there of course have been many changes. We've had changes in leadership, changes in worship opportunities and styles, and changes in membership numbers, to name a few. One thing I believe that has remained a constant for our congregation is our mission, our commitment to upholding our Lutheran beliefs and traditions, a respect for our roots and where we have come from, and a vision for our future.

As we think about our roots here at FLC, and the vision for our future, I believe they go hand in hand. I have a tremendous respect for the members and volunteers who spent countless hours planning, organizing, and raising funds to build our beautiful church, to furnish it with everything needed for not only our services, but our children, and all other small groups as well. The forethought and dedication to the FLC congregational life that those who came before us had, is something we should all recognize and be thankful for. The Wicks Pipe Organ is a wonderful example of the forethought given to the life and longevity of FLC.

Our current organ was thoughtfully selected by a committee 55 years ago, which my grandmother was a part of, and a new organ committee formed in 2017 when it was clear the organ needed some care and repair. This new committee was made up of volunteers, and open to anyone who had an interest in looking into the organ restoration. Members that volunteered and committed to being on this committee all had musical backgrounds, which was very helpful in understanding the information that was provided to us throughout the process. One fact that was established by the pipe organ experts we talked to, and became clear very quickly, was the fact that there were areas on the organ that needed attention and needed to be repaired. The group could easily see and hear these issues as they were pointed out. As a committee, we definitely agreed that repairs should be made to the organ to correct the issues of wear and tear over the years. In the process of repairing the organ, it was also decided we would respect the gift that had been given to this congregation over 50 years ago, and retain the integrity of the pipe organ by restoring and maintaining this beautiful instrument as a fully functioning pipe organ.

Looking at the future of our our worship opportunities here at FLC, it is my hope that we are able to bring our pipe organ to its full potential. I believe the best option to bring our organ at FLC to its fullest potential is working with a company that specializes in building pipe organs. This instrument is already a very valuable asset to our church, and with the proper restoration and enhancements, we will make it an even more magnificent instrument to attract organists in the future. At this time, we live in a kind of "tear it down and build new" society, and I have a strong heart and passion for preserving and restoring history. The investment we make now on restoring and preserving the integrity of our pipe organ, is a gift we will be able to give several future generations, as our parents and grandparents did for us.

Respectfully yours,
Loraine Mix



First Lutheran Mission

January 1,- April 30, 2021

Bremwood	\$	
Operation Christmas Child	\$	
Youth Fund (Bibles & Catechisms)	\$	485.00
Caring Tree	\$	
Meals on Wheels	\$	305.43
Manna	\$	1,238.94
Heifer International	\$	
Lutheran World Relief (Trust Fund)	\$	
Riverside Bible Camp	\$	25.00
Campers Fund	\$	50.00
Good Samaritan Fund	\$	1,483.94
Lutheran Services	\$	25.00
Lutheran Disaster Relief -Iowa Storm	\$	
Dayspring Children's Village	\$	575.00
Northern Lights Shelter	\$	
LRH Auxiliary	\$	20.00
TOTAL	\$	4,208.31

Donations & Memorials

Donations

\$20 - LRH Auxiliary

Memorials

Mary Ihnen	- \$200	- Library Fund
	- \$20	- General
Bob Wilder	- \$10	- General

First Lutheran Financial Update

April 2021

Income	\$21,015.10
Electronic Income	\$3,024.21
Expense	(\$15,886.87)
End of Month	\$8,152.44
<u>YTD as of April 30</u>	
Income	\$75,221.47
Electronic Income	\$12,586.15
Expense	(\$74,190.99)
End of Month	\$13,616.63

April General Budget Expenses

PAYROLL:	\$ 14,706.54
E-GIVING EXPENSE	\$ 44.86
CHURCH MAINTENANCE	\$ 398.26
WORSHIP	\$ 625.53
UTILITES	\$ 2,264.17
TELEPHONE	\$ 214.92
OFFICE EXPENSE	\$ 2,055.14
NE IOWA SYNOD	\$ 1,125.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 19,073.24
INCOME	\$ 13,606.39
NET	(\$ 5,466.85)

June Share Shoppe

JULIA Circle will be working June 5th.

Staff Phone Numbers

Pastor Sogge	612-718-9151
Mark Willand	641-390-1032
Troy Bachtle	641-430-8305
Jan Thompson	641-390-0883
Christa Larson-Trenhaile	641-390-0484



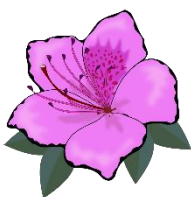

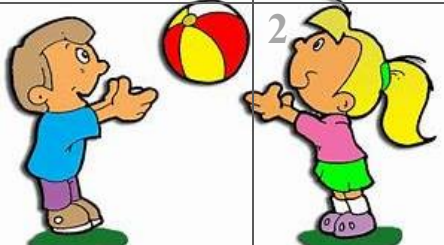


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7. **Jessica Reyerson, Reid Patterson**
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18. **Dawn Bachtle, Jessica Hanson, Pam Perkins**
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21. **Alexia Gentz, Kim Hendrikson, Kimberly Hennigar, Eric Schaefer, Megan Turner, Michael Waller**
22. **Jacob Gentz, Rachel Davis, Jason Weisert**
23. **Jayn Iverson, Dilan Ott**
24. **Kathleen (Larry) Gentz, Tucker Maher**
25. **Cade Hengesteg, Rebecca Houg, Caden Mattern, Darla Otis, Derek LaRue**
26. **Tate Baker, Dean Christianson, Tamara Severson**
27. **Alan Myli, Brian Schutz, Harrison Vandell, Jennifer Wahl**
28. **Nicolas Hanson, Skyler Hulshizer, Abigail Wahl**
29. **EmmaLee Hendrikson, Hannah Hunchis, DeAnna Katcher, Doug Meyer, Harlow Magritz**
30. **Jorene Gunderson, Harlan Helgeson, Scott Kalvig**

JUNE 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 	31 S.H. Lock-In	1 6:00pm: Worship Mtng. 7:30pm: AA – Al-Anon	2 7:00pm: SH. Youth <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center; margin-top: 10px;"> Pastor Becky is out of the office </div>	3 8:30am: Quilting 9:00am: Prayer Gr. 6:30pm: Taekwondo J.H. Lock-In	4	5 
6 <u>Pentecost 2</u> 9:00am- Service with Holy Communion 6:30pm- JH. Youth	7 7pm: Property Meeting Daycamp	8 7:30pm: AA – Al-Anon Daycamp	9 7:00pm: SH. Youth Daycamp	10 8:30am: Quilting 9:00am: Prayer Gr. 6:30pm: Taekwondo 31 st Anniversary of Ordination for Pastor Becky Daycamp	11 Daycamp	12 Synod Assembly with Bishop Election
13 <u>Pentecost 3</u> 9:00am- Service with Noisy Offering 10:00- Council Meeting 12:00-Organ Fieldtrip 6:30pm- JH. Youth	14	15 7:30pm: AA – Al-Anon	16 7:00pm: SH. Youth	17 8:30am: Quilting 9:00am: Prayer Gr. 6:30pm: Taekwondo	18 	19
20 <u>Pentecost 4</u> 9:00am- Community Worship at Fairgrounds 6:30pm- JH. Youth Father's Day	21 	22 7:30pm: AA – Al-Anon	23 2:00pm -Sr. Communion 7:00pm: SH. Youth	24 8:30am: Quilting 9:00am: Prayer Gr. 6:30pm: Taekwondo	25 Wedding Rehearsal	26 Heidemann/Hertle Wedding
27 <u>Pentecost 5</u> 9:00am- Service with Noisy Offering 6:30pm- JH. Youth	28	29 7:30pm: AA – Al-Anon	30 7:00pm: SH. Youth	1 	2	3